SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD

Washington, DC 20423

Office of Economics, Environmental Analysis, and Administration

April 30, 2004

Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission Bureau for Historic Preservation Attn: Susan Zacher 400 North Street Commonwealth Keystone Building, 2nd Floor Harrisburg, PA 17120-0093

Re: Docket No. AB - 167 (1095X), Consolidated Rail Corporation -

Abandonment Exemption - in Lancaster and Chester Counties,

Pennsylvania

Dear Ms. Zacher:

As you know, the Surface Transportation Board's Section of Environmental Analysis (SEA) has completed its review of Consolidated Rail Corporation's proposed abandonment exemption in Lancaster and Chester Counties, Pennsylvania, pursuant to Section 106 of the National Historical Preservation Act. On April 12, 2004, SEA sent copies of the Final Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) for signature to the signatory and concurring parties, including the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission, Bureau for Historic Preservation. For your convenience we have enclosed a copy of the April 12, 2004 letter.

In response to your request for a copy of the Final MOA, SEA is sending you a copy by Federal Express. The Final MOA is also available on the Board web site at "WWW.STB.DOT.GOV," if you need additional copies. In the interest of completing the Section 106 process in a timely manner, we request that you sign at the appropriate line and return the original signature page for your agency by Friday, May 14, 2004.

If you have questions regarding the Final MOA or require further information, please do not hesitate to contact me at (202) 565-1606 or Troy Brady at (610) 793-4301. Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,

Christa Dean Attorney Adviser

Section of Environmental Analysis

Enclosures